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New York August 4. 1854

My dear Willie

We returned on Saturday afternoon (2^d inst) from our jaunt to Baltimore, where we had the satisfaction of seeing your brother Edgar married at last to his Amanda. The wedding took place on Tuesday evening 29th ult. the ceremony was performed in Colonel Tennant's room. He had been particularly desirous of witnessing it, and his wish was gratified though his friends were all exceedingly apprehensive that the excitement would have an injurious effect on him. But the Colonel, though absolutely helpless, is a man of strong and sound mind and having looked forward to the event had prepared himself for it. The matter passed off very well, and the ceremony being performed the company adjourned to the parlours below. The effect on the Colonel was contrary to the general expectation for his spirits at the time and since were much better than they had been previously for a long while. His case is certainly a hard one. Surrounded with wealth and a fine family yet unable to enjoy those blessings - ~~struck~~ on his bed a living corpse, and that for so long a time one would naturally suppose that he must be the victim of despair. But he seems to bear his great affliction without murmuring. He was treated with great attention by all the branches of the Colonel's family and some fast friends of your Uncle Huntington, and were we have prolonged our stay should have had merry times though most of the fashionable world were absent from Baltimore. Edgar with his bride & her sister Emily not

being quite ready for their journey to New York, we had to leave them behind us. They claimed however that one of your sisters should remain to accompany them and so we left Sarah to see them safe to the family Hotel. It is probable that they will be here tomorrow afternoon or that of the next day. The party will pass a few days in ~~Princeton~~ ~~and then go to Washington, turning~~ up Catherine & Sarah & Sarah Davis, such I believe to be their intention. I trust that all will go on well. If Edgar and his wife can content themselves there I do not see but they may pass their time happily, for on the place is one where a man can live handsomely at small expense. I think that Edgar may rank among the "Magnates" of that section of the country. Amanda will probably inherit something handsome from her father say about thirty thousand dollars - so that he cannot fail to do well if he is prudent. The old Colonel has acted handsomely toward Edgar - he advances, as I have before mentioned, about \$5,000. to enable Edgar to enter Pierre's law office. This is of course a much of Amanda's share - and what I think another proof that the Colonel is pleased with the match, he presented him with a check for five hundred dollars the day before the wedding.

But I must close my letter. I send you by Capt. Low a parcel of books - viz. Guy Rivers 2 vols. Traconster 2. Pilgrims of the Rhine Helen. Miriam Coffin. 2 vols. Travels 2. Revelations of a Chaplain a file of N. Y. American - and the Mirror Nov 50, 51, 52. Vol. 11. and 1 & 5 vol. 12. (to Aug. 2nd inst). you have a price current & two also. The market for China goods is improving. Should you ship any thing or act of the kind I will advise me that I may insure. I hear that your Aunt Davis and your little sister are well notwithstanding the very hot weather. Little Willie found his way safely to Pierre. Yours very dear Willie affectionately. Thos. Arny

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